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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK
(by David Rosley)

- Well, another year has come and gone. The Annual ND Closed Tournament is fast approaching, and with that a new president of NDCA comes to power. I'm sure President-Elect Terry Ness will do a very fine job for NDCA.

- I'm proud to annouce that the newsletter now has a games editor! Hurray! The 1985 ND Champion Bruce Stearns has volunteered for the job.

- Just a reminder, the Starry Night's Chess Club is still meetin every Thursday night at Fargo. The Chess Club is held at Cam Starr's house at 1426 South 23rd Street, and starts around 7pm.

- I would like to thank this issue's contributors; Somner Sorenson, LaMoyne Splichal, Jeff Watson, Brent Askvig and Michael Sprague. Without these people the newsletter would not exist.

- USCF has come up with a revenue sharing plan to help out the state chapters. NDCA is due some money as soon as we apply for the funds. I will give a complete report at the annual meeting.

- Also the Florida State Chapter of the USCF has agreed to donate $200 to the state scholastic champ of every state, to help with expenses if the champion decides to come to the National Scholastic Tournament being held in Florida.

- The NDCA membership is almost 100 members, and growing. North Dakota Chess is strong and growing stronger. Communication and cooperation seem to be NDCA's strong points.

13TH BISON
NDSU
Feb 23-24, 1985
TD: Daniel Wanner

OPEN SECTION

1.	Erik Knutson	2158	W	W	W	D	W	4 1/2
2.	Somner Sorenson	2007	W	W	L	W	W	4
3.	Lyle Hanson	1897	W	D	D	W	W	4
4.	Jon Heimarck	1918	L	W	W	D	W	3 1/2
5.	Steve Makela	1821	W	D	W	W	L	3 1/2
6.	James Pfeifer	1735	W	W	W	D	L	3 1/2
7.	Steve Turmo	2048	L	L	W	D	W	2 1/2
8.	Robert Carlin	1943	W	W	L	L	D	2 1/2
9.	Bruce Davidson	1864	W	L	W	D	L	2 1/2
10.	Terry Ness	1859	W	L	L	W	D	2 1/2
11.	Rick Case	1791	W	L	D	D	D	2 1/2
12.	Ron Schauer	1783	W	L	D	W	L	2 1/2
13.	Jeff Bergh	1763	L	W	W	L	D	2 1/2
14.	John Stanfield	1737	L	W	W	L	D	2 1/2
15.	Richard Herr	1680	L	W	D	D	D	2 1/2
16.	LaMoyne Splichal	1579	L	L	D	W	W	2 1/2
17.	Jerry Bergan	1727	L	W	L	L	W	2
18.	Leonard Crouse	1601	L	L	W	L	W	2
19.	Joe Gagner	1379	By	D	L	D	L	2
20.	Franscisco Toro	1892	W	D	L	L	L	1 1/2
21.	Jeff Gueno	Unr	L	L	D	W	L	1 1/2
22.	Calvin Wipf	1784	L	W	L	-	-	1
23.	John Kasper	1840	D	-	-	-	-	1/2
24.	Todd Galbreath	1534	D	L	L	-	-	1/2
25.	Rolf Jacobson	Unr	L	L	L	L	L	0

RESERVE SECTION

1.	David Holyfield	Unr	W	W	W	L	W	4
2.	Clifford Berger	1334	W	W	L	D	By	3 1/2
3.	Robert Voss	Unr	W	L	D	By	W	3 1/2
4.	Steve Wilson	Unr	W	L	By	W	L	3
5.	Chris Wanner	1107	L	By	D	D	L	2
6.	Jon Fenno	1302	LF	-	-	-	-	0
7.	Julie Aman	1223	LF	-	-	-	-	0
8.	Darren Huebner	901	LF	-	-	-	-	0

MAGIC CITY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP
MINOT (12/30/84)
(by Brent Askvig)

On the last Saturday in 1984 six players gathered at the North Central Experiment Station in Minot to play for the Magic City Championship. Included in the field was Expert Dale Flickenger, (Ed. Watch out Turmo!) a native of Minot currently living in Nashville, Tenn. Dale is a noted chess teacher and organizer in the South. You may have even seen him in the Sept 84 issue of Chess Life, page 25, he is the one on the right.

Dale came with much excitement to the tournament, (he thought chess in Minot was dead!) and related his most recent tournament win from Memphis, Tenn. Just four weeks earlier he polished off GM Arthur Bisguier in a rated game! But even though this giant killer won the Minot tournament, he didn't get away with a full 3 points. He ended up conceding a draw to Brent Askvig in the final round.

Four Minot players tied for 2nd place. Askvig, Laux-Bachand, Lutgen, and Sprague will compete in a round robin playoff to determine the city champion.

Magic City Chess Championship
12/30/84

1. Dale Flickinger	2066	W4	W3	D2	2 1/2
2. Brent Askvig	1790	D5	D6	D1	1 1/2
3. Michael Sprague	1776	W6	L1	D4	1 1/2
4. Edward Lutgen	1695	L1	W5	D3	1 1/2
5. R. Laux-Bachand	1260	D2	L4	W6	1 1/2
6. Rick Case	1830	L3	D2	L5	1/2

1985 ND POSTAL GETS UNDER WAY
(by Brent Askvig)

Play is underway in the 3rd annual North Dakota Postal Championships. The following six players are entered: Michael Sprague, Robert Laux-Bachand, and Brent Askvig all from Minot, John Wetsch of Grand Forks, William Loup and LaMoyne Splichal from Dickinson. The format is a single round robin with high score taking the title.

REPORT ON THE 1985 MINOT WINTERFEST

(by Michael Sprague)

Well, what a surprise! For one, there wasn't a big spread in points between the first rated player and the eighth ranked, also draws were just as important as wins in determining who played who and who won what.

But firstly, Brent Askvig deserves special mention for the bang-up job he did for running the tourney, his kind is a lot rarer than you suppose. Also the Belcourt players for coming and striving, true they were mostly 'victims' but they sure enjoyed themselves. The two Belcourt players were paired in the last round, and amazed us all by completing their game at blitz tempo.

Ah draws, Jeff Watson was paired vs. a powerful opponent in round two. Doing his best, he found that he was about to play a K & R ending down a knight and two pawns, not relishing this he set about and forced stalemate. Hello and surprise, I always say! This set Jeff up to play a 'reverse brilliancy' vs. Terry Ness in the next round. Terry managed, or dared, to... well you have heard of The Four Pawn Attack vs. The King's Indian? Terry pushed no less than six pawns onto the fourth rank. It seen kind of weirdly beautiful to see six little soldiers lined up there, not to mention funny. Lyle, Rick and yours truely all snickered, a little.

The crucial encounter, for Lyle was doubtless his 4th round game with Bruce Davidson and my fourth round draw with Terry Ness. After which irregardless of what happened in the fifth round, Lyle was guaranteed at least a tie for first. I think, even though Lyle may not see it my way, that he owes me thanks for limiting who he had to play, or worry about!

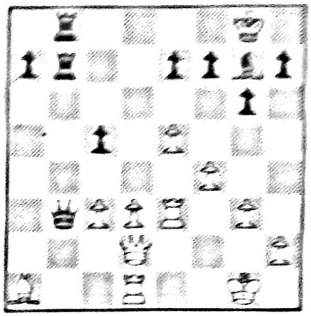
Also Joe Gagner & LaMoyne Splichal demonstrated that they are not 'anyones victims'. Rick Case had a tough tourney, his suffering with the English coninues, in the last round he was playing only 'for respect' and won!

All in all I thought the Minot players did well and everyone seemed to have fun despite the occasional grimmaces of pain and exclamations of surprise! We can only hope it all continues on.

ON POSITIONS: (HUMOR & COMBINATIONS)

(by Michael Sprague)

White: Michael Sprage 1776
Black: Rick Case 1861
Round 3: 1985 Minot Winterfest



After White's 26th move. Rick, who has quite a sense of humor, decided to play a little combination. 26. ... Qd1+ 27.Qd1 Pb1 28.Pe1! Rd1 29.Rd1 (Good thing I am noted for my sense of humor. Rick's 26th move just about gave me an attack before I realized how it worked out, and I had just been wondering how I was going to persuade him to exchange off some heavy pieces.) 29. ... f6 30.ef Bf6! (Rick thought a good while over this and I assume it is better then 30. ... ef) 31.Pf2 Pf7 32.Ke3 e5! (Black is to about to be passive!) 33.fe Be5 34.Ke4 Ke6 35.Rd2! (Patience! Weak pawns never run away.) 35. ... Rb1 36.Ra2 Bb8 (White has had such great success with his Bishop on a1 then Black feels bound to emulate him! Actually these vicious backward moves of the pieces are a hallmark of modern chess. You cannot always go forward!) 37.Ra6+ Rb6 38.Ra5 Rb1 39.c4! (True, you usually do not strive for a backward pawn on an open file, but like the rabbit in Austrailia, this one has few enemies that can attack it. Look at the Bishop's diagonal!) 39. ... g5!? (This prepares to gambit a pawn that was getting hard to defend with the object of obtaining a passed K-side pawn.) 40.Bc3 (The old bishop finally moves out.) 40. ... g4 41.Rc5 Rh1! (Another combination, with the point that if 42.Rh5 Bg3 and the pawn is pinned. After some thought I decided that all that effort shouldn't be wasted!) 42.Rh5! Bg3 43.Rh6+!! (Ah a nasty little point. The King has to move backward!) 43. ... Kf7 44.Rh7+ (Now 44. ... Ke8 or e6 but on no account must he play...) 44. ... Kg6? 45.Rg7+! Black resigns. 1-0. All for the want of a pin the Bishop is lost!

Now who says that I don't have a subtle sense of humor? I went out of my way. Oh well, Rick will be back with more subtle humor too. He always is.

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4. A threat is more powerful than its execution. Tartakover
5. It is always better to sacrifice your opponent's men. Tartakover
6. Every chessplayer should have a Hobby. (Anonymous)
7. Many have become Chess masters, but no one has become the master of Chess. Tarrasch
8. No chessplayer sleeps well. H.G. Wells
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FROM THE EASTERN FRONT
(by Somner Sorenson)

The weather on Feb 9 was overcast and the roads still a little snowy, but the traveler's advisory had been lifted and it was 13 degrees when the TD arrived at the Moorhead Center Mall at 8:45. The organizers were mildly hopeful that there would be a fair turnout at the 1985 Winter Festival Tournament that day, especially since the caravan of cars headed for Minot the preseding weekend didn't get there because of the bitterly cold weather that had covered the northland. Maybe players around the area would be hungry for a day of chess.

When he walked into the tournament room a couple players were there already, waiting to register. The director did not know them. They wanted to enter the novice section. Soon other players arrived, but he didn't close registration till 9:50 since he had heard of some local players who planned to play that hadn't checked in. At that moment Anthony Schwaiger of the Grand Forks AFB walked in with an amateur player from Moorhead. Good! That made a dozen in the rated and ten in the novice tournament. He could go to work on the pairings and not worry about a Bye.

The sponsors were a little disappointed that only twelve entered the Open--after the tournament they heard that one of North Dakota's strongest players (I'm sure most of you would recognize his name if I mentioned it) did not find the place and was actually misdirected to the Clay County Courthouse--but were heartened by all the newcomers in the novice section.

So the tournament began. Erik Knutson and Tony Schwaiger had hard struggles with Todd Galbreath and Charles Ross, but eventually prevailed. The only mild surprise in the first round was Starr's draw with Ron Roose of the AFB. STarr bad beaten him in the Red River Open four weeks earlier.

The upsets occurred in round 2. Schwaiger beat the slightly higher rated Wipf on board 2 while Gerald Heuer upended Cam Starr. But on board 1 Arnold Bolland of Fergus Falls checkmated pre-tournament favorite Erik Knutson, who then withdrew from the field.

After that the final round seemed anti-climatic. The boys in air force blue apparently won effortlessly on boards 1 and 2, and Cal Wipf won a long hard point from a grudging Galbreath. Watts and Worth drew. On board 3 Ross allowed Starr to attack his K and Q simultaneously with a knight. Someone was heard to utter, "Oh, fork!" or something like that.

All in all it was a grand (Forks) day for the Air Force. Schwaiger took first with a perfect score. Roose placed second and won the Under 1600- Unrated prize while Wipf and Bolland, at 2-1, split the Class B prize. Heuer also scored 2, but won no money since he is still officailly class C. Does everyone follow that?

Meanwhile across the room in the Novice section Jon Fenno, a freshman at Concordia, took first place with 4-0, although one of his games was won on forfeit from Clifford Berger of Dickinson, who had understood the TD to say that the third round would be at 4 p.m. rather than at 2:00. Don Worth and Scoot Randall of Fargo shared second place. A curious feature of the novice section was that in the first round the four winners all had black. (And in the adjourned Huebner vs. Berger game on board 1, black won that one too, but for pairing purposes the TD considered it a draw, and paired them both down.) After the second round the two players with perfect scores had had black twice!

Several visitors, having seen the tournament announced in the Fargo Forum or Midweek Eagle, came in and watched for a while. The were wondering where they could meet other players and become involved in chess activities. We hope they do.

In other area chess news we have learned that a couple former Moorheadiians (Knute Sorenson and Jon Heimarck) played in the St Paul Winter Carnival tournament January 26-27. Knute, playing in the Premeir section (restricted to 1900 and above players), lost one and drew three, one of the draws being with Master Kevin Toon. Jon covered himself with glory by winning the Reserve, open to 1600-2000 players. One of his wins was over Robert Carlin, a former co-champion of the Red River Open-- Do any of you historians recall whether Carlin ever won the ND Open or other events around here while he was attending Ellendale Bible College in the early 1970's.

We leave you with one game score that was left at the 1985 Winter Festival, just to give you a taste of what you may have missed.
White: Gerald Heuer 1586 Black: Ron Roose Unr
1.P-K4 P-K3 2.P-Q4 P-Q4 3.P-K5 P-QB4 4.P-QB3 N-QB3 5.N-B3 Q-N3 6.B-K3 QxP and black won after move 54.

1985 WINTER FESTIVAL TOURNAMENT
2/9/85 Moorhead Center Mall
TD: Somner Sorenson

OPEN SECTION

	NAME	RATING	#1	#2	#3	TOTAL
1.	Anthony Schwaiger	1765	W7	W5	W3	3
2.	Ron Roose	Unr	D6	W11	W4	2 1/2
3.	Arnold Bolland	1730	W9	W10	L1	2
4.	Gerald Heuer	1586	W12	W6	L2	2
5.	Calvin Wipf	1767	W11	L1	W8	2
6.	Cam Starr	1698	D2	L4	W7	1 1/2
7.	Charles Ross	1290	L1	W12	L6	1
8.	Todd Galbreath	1543	L10	W9	L5	1
9.	Julie Aman	1223	L3	L8	Bye	1
10.	Erik Knutson	2138	W8	L3	---	1
11.	Richard Worth	1487	L5	L2	D12	1/2
12.	Rick Watts	Unr	L4	L7	D11	1/2

NOVICE SECTION

	NAME	#1	#2	#3	#4	TOTAL
1.	Jon Fenno	W10	W2	WF	W4	4
2.	Don Worth	W8	L1	W5	W6	3
3.	Scott Randall	W5	L4	W10	W7	3
4.	Steven Wilson	W9	W3	D7	L1	2 1/2
5.	James Dusek	L3	W8	L2	W9	2
6.	Clifford Berger	W7	W10	LF	L2	2
7.	Darren Huebner	L6	W9	D4	L3	1 1/2
8.	Travis McKercher	L2	L5	D9	W10	1 1/2
9.	Gary Heller	L4	L7	D8	L5	1/2
10.	David Worth	L1	L6	L3	L8	0

An Open Letter to the chessplayers of N.D.

Dear N.D. chessplayer:

The time has come for you as an individual to assist N.D. chess. We have all been to tournaments and heard the comment, "I always end up playing the same people". The only way to change that condition is by introducing tournament chess to the schools. The Scholastic Chess Tournament is designed to do just that, but it needs your help.

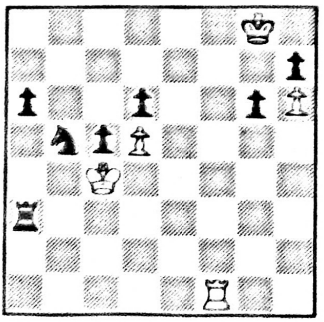
Sometime within the next couple of months, your Regional Representitive will be holding a Scholastic Benefit chess tournament. The tournament will offer no prizes, but you will have the satisfaction of helping the Scholastic Chess tournament. You will also be able to play at least three rated games and perhaps add a scalp to your list of upsets.

Please support the Benefit Tournament in your area, and help get new faces on the N.D. tournament chess scene.

Sincerely,
Terry Ness
NDCA President-Elect

LUCK OF THE DRAW!
(by Jeff Watson)

1985 Winterfest Tournament
White: Jeff Watson 1507
Black: Michael Sprague 1776
Second round (White to move)



Black has a stranglehold on the White King, but with one final gasp of air, White squeezes a 1/2 point out of the position with 46.Rf8! forcing 46. ... Kf8 stalemate. Or should we say "BOX!".

Minot Winterfest (round 5)
White: John Anderson 1699 Black: Michael Sprague 1776

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 (Nimzo? 2.Nf3 (Nc3) 2. ... d5 (Queen's Indian) 4.e3 (The main alternatives are 4.g3 and 4.Bg5, the text was the choice of Petrosian vs. Karpov in the 1973 USSR Championship, which continued 4. ... Bb7 black vs. me in round four chose exactly the same piece & pawn setup! 4. ... Bb7 5.Bd3 Ne4 6.O-O Be7 7.Nbd2 ef (Black firmly grabs e4. White will, of course seek to contest) 8.b3 O-O 9.Qc2! Ng5! (9. ... Nf6 leaves Black cramped) 10.Ng5 Bg5 11.e4!? (The right move but a little early, 11.Bb2 d6 12.Re1 Nbd7 13.e4) 11. ... Nc6! 12.Qc3?! (The 'cure' is worse than the disease! 12.Ba3! Be7 13.Be7 Ne7=; 12. ... d6!?) 12. ... Bf6 13.Nf3 Nd4! 14.e5 (well if 14.Nd4 c5 15.Be3 f5! edge to Black) 14. ... Nf3+ 15.gf3 Bg5 16.f4 Bh6 17.Re1 ("box", unless whites wants to be mated.) 17. ... Qh4! 18.Bf1 Bf4 19.Bf4 Qf4 20.Qg3 Qg3 (and the two pawn plus translated into a Black win on move 51.

Notes: Sprague vs. Triggs in round 4 went; 1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 b6 3.Bg2 Bb7 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 d5 6.d4 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.b3 c5 with roughly equal chances, it was drawn in 49 moves.

ND Postal 1984
White: Michael Sprague Black: Jeff Watson

1.e4! c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cd 4.Nd4 a6 5.c4!? d6?! (unnecessarily limiting. 5. ... Nf6! 6.Nc3 Bb4! and Black has counterplay) 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Be2 Be7 8.O-O O-O (In sharper variations Black foregoes castling altogether.) 9.b3 b6! 10.f4 Bb7 11.Bf3 Nbd7 12.Kh1! Nc5 13.Qe2 Rc8 14.Bb2 Rc7 15.Rad1 Qa8! (One of those modern attacking moves.) 16.Rfe1 Rd8 17.Nc2 Bc6?! (Black starts to lose the thread of the discussion.) 18.g4! (Why not?) 18. ... b5 19.g5 Ne8 20.b4 Nd7 21.cb ab 22.a3 Qb7 23.Nd4 Rb8 24.Nc6 Qc6 25.Nd5! (Normally a piece sacrifice. Here it costs absolutely nothing.) 25. ... ed 26.ed Qc4! (Probably best. White has been thinking of a Kingside attack.) 27.Qc4 Rc4 28.Re7 Rf4 29.Be2 Nf8 30.Kg2 (Does White last two moves show he is wandering?) 30. ... g6? (Ng6!) 31.Rc1 Rf5 32.Bb5! Rg5+ 33.Kh1 Rb5 34.Re8 (Now 34. ... Rfd5 35.Bf6 clearly favors white. The penalty for pawn grubbing.) 34. ... Rbd5? 35.Bf6 Rh5 36.Rf8+! Black resigns. 0-1.

MORE GAMES

Magic City Chess Championships 12/30/85

White: Robert Laux-Bachand
Black: Brent Askvig Grunfeld Defense

(annotated by Askvig)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cd Nd5 5.e4 Nc3 6.bc Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 O-O (In the Exchange variation of the Grunfeld, the move 8. ... Nc6 is most often played. It puts more immediate pressure on the center then 8. ... O-O) 9.Be3 (Usual is 9.O-O Nd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 and White has slightly weakened Black's Kingside while maintaining his center.) 9. ... Qa5?! 10.Qb3 cd 11.Bd4 Nc6 (11. ... Bd4 12.Nd4 gives white the isolated pawn, but also a huge lead in development.) 12.O-O Ne5 13.Bd5 e6 14.Be5 Be6 (14. ... ed gives white a nice passed pawn after 15.Bg7 Kg7 16.ed) 15.Bc4 b6 (Aiming for the pawn on e4.) 16.Rad1 Bb7 17.Qc2 (If 17.f3 then Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Rac8 wins the c pawn.) 17. ... Rac8 18.Rd7! Rc4 19.Rb7 Rfc8 20.Qd2 Qa6 (Not 20. ... Bc3? because of Qd7 with mating threats.) 21.Qd7 R/4c7 22.Rc7 Rc7 (22. ... Bc7 may not be much better after 23.Nd4!) 23.Qd8+ Kg7 24.f4! (A superb move! With it white puts enormous pressure on the f file. Now Black has to fight for a draw.) 24. ... Qe2 (What else?) 25.fe Qe3+ 26.Kh1 +c3 (Black has to keep his rook on c7 or die.) 27.Qf6+ Kh6 28.Qh4+ Kg7 29.Qf6+ 1/2-1/2 draw.

Mid-South Open Memphis Tenn. 11/23/84

White: GM Arthur Bisguier
Black: Expert Dale Flickinger

Round 1, Board 2 Queen's Indian Defense

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Ne3 Bb7 5.a3 Be7 6.e3 O-O 7.Bd3 d5 8.cd ed 9.b4 Ne4 10.Qb3 Kh8 11.Bb2 f5 12.O-O c6 13.Rad8 Nd7 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.Ne2 Qe8 16.Nd7 Qd7 17.f3 Nf6 18.Qc2 Qe8 19.Qd2 Qh5 20.Nf4 Bf4 21.ef Rae8 22.Rfe1 Qf7 23.Bf5 Nh5 24.Bb1 Nf4 25.Bc1 g5 26.h4 Ba6 27.hg Ne2+ 28.Kf2 Qc7 29.Bd3 Qg3+ 30.Kf1 Rf3+ 0-1.

1985 MINOT WINTERFEST CHESS TOURNAMENT
(by Brent Askvig)

The first weekend in February brought bitter cold weather and the beginning of the annual Winterfest activities in Minot. For the first time in 7 years, the activities included a chess tournament. The event was sponsored by the Magic City Chess Club and the Minot Winterfest Committee.

Thirty players from 8 cities (Minot,Minot Air Force Base,Belcourt,Bismarck,Bottineau,Dickinson,Jamestown and Kief) played in excellent surroundings at the Thrifty Scot Motel.

The top rated player, Lyle Hanson of Jamestown, put together a consistent tournament and took home $75.00 and the first place trophy, plus one night's free lodging at any Thrifty Scot. Second seed Bruce Davidson of Bismarck captured the runner up prize of $30.00, a trophy and one night's lodging at any Thrifty scot.

Many thanks go out to the staff at the Thrifty Scot and the Minot Winterfest Committee who supplied the trophies and advertising, and to all those who braved the cold weather.

FROM THE TREASURER
(by LaMoyne Splichal)

Greetings to all NDCA members, now 92 members strong! Yes our state membership roster is steadily growing with new and renewing chessplayers helping NDCA communicate to ND chess fans. Recent tournaments in Minot and Fargo have brought NDCA many new members. New chess clubs in Minot and Dickinson gave NDCA new competition for future events.

The big news for state chessplayers are 2 premier events, the 1985 North Dakota Closed State Chess Championship. Personally I'm looking forward seeing many students compete at the Scholastic. Last year 63 players participated in the 1984 Scholastic, in 1985 we hope for a bigger turnout. In April, plan to also attend the '85 Closed, to compete and see if Bruce Stearns holds on to his state crown! One of the attractions, besides class trophies & $$$, will be a souvenir tournament booklet of all the games & other highlights.

DID YOU KNOW ??
(by Brent Askvig)

JACQUES MIESES (1865-1854)

- Mieses played chess at an early age, but devoted most of his time to chess theory and problems. He did not play much tournament chess until he was 23 years old.

- Mieses was a very speculative and combinative player who won many brilliancy prizes. His last brilliancy prize came in the 1945 Hastings Congress when he was 80!!

- Mieses played tournament chess for over 50 years, most often reporting on as well as playing in the tournaments.

- The most notable tournament victories for Mieses were Vienna (1907) and Liverpool (1923).

- The following game, played when Mieses was 83, shows his undying youth and his quest for the brilliant.

WHITE: J. MIESES BLACK: H.G. SCHENK
Oxford (1947)
1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.ed5 Qd5 4.Nf3 e5 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Be3 Bg4 7.Be2 O-O-O 8.O-O Qa5 9.Ne5 Be2 10.Qe2 Ne5 11.de5 Nh6 12.Nb5 a6 13.a4 Be7 14.b4 Bb4 15.Rfb1 c6 16.c3 ab4 17.cb4 18.a5 Nf5 19.Bb6 rd5 20.Rd1 Ne7 21.Qg4+ Kb8 22.Qg7 Rc8 23.Qf6 Rd1+ 24.Rd1 Nd5 25.Qd6+ Ka8 26.Rd5 cd5 27.g3 1-0.

NEXT ISSUE: This 19th century English player was the person concealed inside the chess-playing automation "The Turk" in 1819 in London.

1984 NORTH DAKOTA POSTAL CONCLUDES
(by Brent Askvig)

Andy King of Fargo has captured the title in the just concluded 1984 ND Postal Championships with 6 1/2 points out of 7! Second place goes to Brent Askvig of Minot with 6 points. Andy King wins $16.80 and the First Place trophy, while Brent Askvig collects $7.20 for Second.

1985 MINOT WINTERFEST
FEBRUARY 2-3

1.	Llye Hanson	1941	W17	W9	W14	W2	D5	4	1/2
2.	Bruce Davidson	1864	W11	W4	W8	L1	W9	4	
3.	Michael Sprague	1776	W19	D23	W13	D5	W8	4	
4.	Wayne Buxa	1600	W27	L2	W28	W11	W14	4	
5.	Terry Ness	1659	W24	D15	W23	D3	D1	3	1/2
6.	R. Laux-Bachand	1260	---	W30	W19	D13	W15	3	1/2
7.	Jeff Gueno	UNR	---	W22	W10	D14	W14	3	1/2
8.	John Anderson	1551	W25	W10	L2	W17	L3	3	
9.	Edward Lutsen	1695	W26	L1	W12	W15	L2	3	
10.	Marvin Johnson	1522	W20	L8	L7	W27	W21	3	
11.	Joe Gasner	1379	W16	W26	L15	L4	W20	3	
12.	Clifford Berger	1147	L2	W27	L9	W28	W22	3	
13.	Rick Case	1861	W18	L14	L3	I6	W23	2	1/2
14.	Lee Feldman	1583	W29	W13	L1	D7	L4	2	1/2
15.	L. Splichal	1579	W28	D5	W11	L9	L6	2	1/2
16.	Brent Askvig	1807	L11	W25	---	---	W27	2	
17.	Perry Zentner	1506	L1	W29	W21	L8	L7	2	
18.	Danny Poitra	1014	L13	L20	L27	W30	W25	2	
19.	Rex Kriedeman	UNR	L3	L21	L6	W26	W28	2	
20.	Steve Podrysula	UNR	L10	W18	---	W24	L11	2	
21.	Rodney Gourneau	UNR	L23	W19	L17	W25	L10	2	
22.	Jack Mattson	UNR	---	L7	W26	W29	L12	2	
23.	Jeff Watson	1507	W21	D3	L5	---	L13	1	1/2
24.	Terry Lundin	UNR	L5	L28	W29	L20	---	1	
25.	Keith Wallette	UNR	L8	L16	W30	L21	L18	1	
26.	Dwain Jerome	UNR	L9	L11	L22	L19	W29	1	
27.	Russ Stensland	UNR	L4	L12	W18	L10	L16	1	
28.	Mozart Belgrade	UNR	L15	W24	L4	L12	L19	1	
29.	Bob Keplin	UNR	L14	L17	L24	L22	L26	0	
30.	Curt Christensen	UNR	---	L6	L25	L18	---	0	

RENEW YOUR NDCA

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

MARCH 16

MAGIC CITY TRIPODS
3 MAN RR; TL 25/1,15/30; EF $5
REQ. NDCA & USCF; REG 9-10
$$ NONE (DONATED TO SCHOLASTIC)
RDS 10-1:30;

SITE: NORTH CENTRAL EXPERIMENT STATION
MINOT ND 58701

ENT: BRENT ASKVIG
IMPERIAL MANOR #35
MINOT ND 58701

MARCH 23-24

20TH FM OPEN
5 RD SS; TL 1-2, 40/100 3-5 45/2
EF $10 BY 3/22/85, $13 AT SITE
REQ USCF; REG 8:45-9:15
$$ B/30 1ST $65, 2ND $35 $125 CLASS
RDS 9:45-2-6:30, 10-3

SITE: MOORHEAD STATE UNIVERSITY
COMSTOCK UNION
MOORHEAD MN 56560

ENT: F-M CHESS
315 DALE AVE
MOORHEAD MN 56560

MARCH 30-31

NORTH DAKOTA SCHOLASTIC
TWO SECTIONS
#1 JUNIOR & SENIOR HIGH; 5 RD SS
EF $5 OR $16 (4 MAN TEAM)
ELEMENTARY; 5 RD SS; RDS 10-11-1-2-3
#2 EF $3 OR $10 (4 MAN TEAM)
REG 9-10; RDS 10-1-4, 10-1
$$ TROPHIES TO 1ST & 2ND, 1ST TEAM

SITE: KIRKWOOD MOTOR INN
BAVARIAN HALL
BISMARCK, ND 58501

ENT: TERRY NESS
1537 OMAHA DR
BISMARCK, ND 58501

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE
(CONTINUED)

APRIL 19 — EARLYBIRD SPEED CHESS TOURNAMENT
REG 6-7 4/19/85; EF $1

APRIL 20-21 — 1985 NORTH DAKOTA CLOSED
(THE NORTH DAKOTA CHAMPIONSHIP)
5 RD SS; TL 1-2, 45/100 3-5, 45/2
EF $15, JR $9 BY 4/17;
$3 MORE AT SITE; REQ USCF & NDCA
$$ BASED ON ENTRIES, TROPHY TO 1ST
1ST GETS FREE ENTRY TO 1986 CLOSED
REG 9:00-9:45; RDS 10-2-7, 10-3
ANNUAL NDCA MEETING 4/21/85 2:30

SITE: GATEWAY COMFORT INN
1030 INTERSTATE AVE
BISMARCK, ND 58501

ENT: LAMOYNE SPLICHAL
141 EAST 5TH
DICKINSON, ND 58601

PAST NORTH DAKOTA CLOSED WINNERS

1974	STEPHAN POPEL
1975	STEPHAN POPEL
1976	STEPHAN POPEL
1977	TOM WANGLER
1978	STEPHAN POPEL
1979	STEPHAN POPEL
1980	STEPHAN POPEL
1981	STEVE TURMO
1982	STEVE TURMO
1983	ERIK KNUTSON
1984	BRUCE STEARNS

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